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**TO:** Transportation Authority of Marin Commissioners

**RE: Highway 101 GAP Closure Projects – Status Report**

Dear Commissioners:

The following is a status report for the Highway 101 GAP Closure Projects

**Segment 2 – Corte Madera**

- Widening work in the median and soundwall construction continues
- Bikepath work to be complete within the next several weeks. Date for opening of path to be determined
- Project complete and open to traffic September 2005

**Segment 3 – Central San Rafael**

TAM and Caltrans have taken all necessary actions to obtain the \$21.3 million in federal CMAQ funding provided by MTC for the project, which included pledging of \$10.05 million in Measure A funds on April 28, 2005 as the required match and obtaining an E-76 obligating the federal funds on June 14, 2005, in advance of the deadline.

Since Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposal to restore \$1.3 billion in transportation funding to next year's budget, TCRP and STIP funding may now be available to projects. TAM staff has been working in conjunction with Caltrans and MTC to maximize funding opportunities by submitting TCRP and STIP allocation requests as follows:

- Request for TCRP allocation in the amount of \$10.125M
- Request for STIP allocation in the amount of \$20.849M

Allocations of these two funding requests are contingent on adoption of the state budget and allocation by the CTC. While good news, the amount of funding projected to be available greatly exceeds the needs of the projects that are waiting at the CTC for funding.

Should these funds become available and the funding requests approved by the CTC, it could reduce the need for Measure A funds for the Central San Rafael segment, and allow TAM to potentially shift some of the Measure A and/or CMAQ funding to Segment 4 – Puerto Suello Hill.

Resolution of Necessities have been obtained for all remaining property acquisitions required and the project has obtained right-of-way certification.

The schedule for this project is:

- Ready to list (RTL) – July 1, 2005
- Bid Advertisement & Award – Fall 2005

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by providing a variety of high quality transportation options designed to meet local needs.***

- Start Construction – January 2006
- Completion – December 2008

TAM staff will work with Caltrans and consultant staff to develop a public relations plan for the project.

#### **Segment 4 – Puerto Suello Hill**

Environmental Clearance for the proposed soundwall relocation to the west side of the SMART tracks is proposed to be addressed through SMART's environmental document, scheduled for release in July/August 2005. SMART is currently investigating potential funding sources for the cost of re-design and increased construction costs.

TAM and consultant staff have developed various alternatives for a bikepath from Mission Avenue north to Merrydale Road. Meetings have been held with the Marin County Bicycle Coalition(MCBC), City of San Rafael, SMART, and Caltrans to obtain their input. The alternatives will be evaluated using a matrix that includes categories such as safety, environmental issues, right-of-way issues, cost etc. The preferred alternative(s) will be presented to TAM later this summer. Environmental clearance and final design will follow. Noise absorptive material for the soundwalls will be included in this final design effort.

Construction for this project will start in January 2007, with completion in December 2008, pending availability of funding.

Sincerely,

Craig Tackabery  
Executive Director